

PILOT HAS BAD MEMORY

Or Else Portland Papers Misquote
Man of the Gold Medal—
Slow Trip Down.

STORY OF TRANSPORT TRUE

She Loses Anchor And Chain
and Narrowly Escapes
Stranding On a
Sandbank.

If the Portland papers did not err in quoting Pilot Billy Patterson, that gentleman has misrepresented things in connection with the passage down the river of the government transport Dix. It will be recalled that Portland made much ado about this vessel. She had been engaged to carry government supplies to the Philippines, and, after much wire-pulling, the merchants of the Oregon metropolis induced the department to give them an opportunity to furnish some of the cargo. The Dix came to Portland, loaded 2000 or 4000 tons of oats and then left down the river. Portland's gold medal pilot was in charge.

The Dix experienced the usual difficulty in coming down the river, as later developments have shown. Upon her arrival down after a trip occupying 30 hours it was stated she had lost an anchor and considerable chain. This story was published in Astoria and promptly denied at Portland. The Portland papers asked Billy Patterson about it, and Billy was quoted as having said no such accident occurred. The yarn was pronounced to have been merely an Astoria knock at Portland's 25-foot channel (for 30 minutes at extreme high water.)

Notwithstanding Captain Patterson's statement to the contrary, the Dix really did lose an anchor and a very considerable amount of chain. The amount of chain which was lost was 50 fathoms. Captain Salte, of the wrecking barge O. K., has been given the contract for recovering the lost property and is now making preparations to commence upon the work. In view of this fact, it would seem that Captain Patterson had made a mistake.

The circumstances connected with the loss of the anchor and long piece of chain are also interesting. It appears that Captain Patterson did not find the channel in such fine shape as has been said. The Dix was running along nicely when suddenly it was discovered that the vessel was approaching a shoal. Seeing that the transport must surely run aground, Captain Patterson ordered the anchor thrown over. The weight of the big hulk, being thrown upon the chain, snapped it, but not until the speed of the transport had been

reduced and the accident avoided. It was a close call for the Dix, and in no other way could she have been prevented from hitting the bottom. Had she run aground it is difficult to tell just when she would have been floated.

The transport is still weather bound in the lower harbor as the result of her long trip down the river. Had she made a reasonably fair trip over the 98-mile waterway she could have got to sea Thursday morning, but, as it was, she did not arrive down until the weather had grown stormy. Since then the bar has been rather too rough for her to attempt to leave the harbor. Already three days have been lost, at great expense and inconvenience to the government, particularly at this time, when the war department is showing unusual activity because of the possibilities that may arise as the result of the far eastern complication, and the unfortunate circumstance is bound to give the Columbia river a black eye. Above all things, the government demands prompt dispatch, and in case of the Dix much trouble was experienced in getting her to Portland because of delays occurring in the past, for the very same reason that is now preventing the Dix from putting to sea. The transport could have gone out without the slightest difficulty on Thursday had she arrived down during the morning. The indications are for a continued spell of heavy weather and consequent detention of the government vessel.

Transfers of Realty.

Six deeds were filed for record yesterday, the total consideration being \$2295.04. They were as follows:

Grimes Grove Land Company to Cora A. Morrow—Lots 14 and 15, block 8, Grimes' Grove \$ 200 00
Greenwood Cemetery Association to K. Osburn—Lot 1, block 57, section B 40 00
State to D. H. Welch—27.02 acres tide land in sections 20 and 21, township 5 north of range 8 west 54 04
Petter Peterson to Sarah E. Ingalls—Lot 1, block 3, McClure's Astoria 2000 00
Robert Burch to Samuel McClure—Undivided half interest in 160 acres in section 1, township 6 north of range 9 west; undivided half interest in 120 acres in section 23 and 200 acres in section 26, 40 acres in section 25, 30 acres in section 21 and 240 acres in section 25, township 7 north of range 9 west 1 00
United States to H. E. Noble—160 acres in section 36, township 1 south of range 5 west patent

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklin's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at Charles Rogers' drug store.

HUNTED MAN SEEKS ROOST

Revolver in Hands of Irate Husband Makes Food for Gossip.

TWO STORIES ARE AFLOAT

One Is That Pursued Took to The River While the Other Has It He Shinned Up Ladder.

The escapade of Thursday night, wherein an indignant husband was said to have chased a man into the river, has caused much comment around the city, and the incident has been generally discussed. In the past men have been known to climb telegraph poles, but the spectacle of a man jumping into the icy river to elude a pursuer with a gun in his hand and blood in his eye is a novelty that has set wagging the tongues of the gossips.

It appears that the story first printed of the affair was slightly erroneous. The meeting of the three parties involved occurred near the corner of Seventeenth and Exchange streets, and proved unexpected all around. The party of the second part (the alleged swimmer) seemed very much frightened upon the approach of the husband and sought safety in flight. As he ran he stumbled and fell and the husband, who was closed behind, sprawled over his prostrate form. In the mix-up both men lost their hats. The second party did not regard the incident as a closed one, by any means, and, regaining his feet, fled again. The husband followed and the chase continued down Seventeenth street to Commercial and then west on Commercial.

Here stories of the affair differ. Some people say the pursued ran to the O. R. & N. wharf, and, finding himself between an infuriated man and the deep, cold river, chose the river. Others, who are doubtless correct in their version, allege that the pursued ran into a saloon and made his way to the back of the place. Here he is said to have discovered a ladder leading to a porch on an upper story, and to have climbed it with much alacrity. The man and the gun meantime were in the saloon, the former evidently being intent upon exercising the latter. However, the man in the roost was not found, and eventually the husband returned home, where, it is said, he kicked in the door.

The story goes that the whole affair was as much a surprise to the pursued man as to the general public. It is said that he had merely met the woman and walked home with her, and one version of the affair says he did not even know her name. The incident has resulted in endless joking, but the interested parties are said to regard it quite seriously. The husband is reported to have lost his hat, but to have found the hat of the man he chased, and the tell-tale initials unraveled what might have developed into a mystery that would baffle even the officers of Scotland Yard.

Met After Long Years.

Cincinnati, Feb. 12.—By a strange chain of circumstances a brother and sister, who had not seen each other since the Johnstown flood, were brought together in Newport yesterday.

Charles Cornwall was reported among the missing right after the disaster, and he was supposed to have been drowned, as no word was ever received from him. He went to another part of the country and drifted to Cincinnati.

There he was employed a few days ago in the same store in which his brother-in-law works. A mutual friend introduced the men, and Cornwall thus was restored to his relatives. His sister is Mrs. George Ross, and the family reside at Newport.

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CONY OFFICIAL FOUND DEAD.

C. J. Martin, Treasurer of Grant County Commits Suicide. Canyon City, Ore., Feb. 20.—C. J. Martin, county treasurer of Grant county, was found dead in his office this morning. A revolver on the floor beside him and a bullet hole in the head furnished mute evidence of his suicide. On his desk Martin had left a note explaining that he was unable

to account for a number of warrants drawn on the county treasury. No intimation of the amount of the shortage was given and it will be some time before this can be ascertained.

DANCED IN THE SNOW.

Nek Yorker Cuts Up Strange Antics Attracting Boys.

New York, Feb. 20.—Barefooted and otherwise scantily attired, a man who the police think is Thomas Doherty, of Philadelphia, did a war dance in the snow in front of the statue of General Slocum in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon. As he danced he took coins out of his pockets and began throwing them around among a crowd of boys that gathered. Drivers to Prospect park drew rein to watch the strange antics of the man.

A patrolman coming from the Grand avenue station reached the spot after the stranger had thrown off his overcoat and coat, and it looked as if he wanted to go to bed in the snow. He was taken to the station house in the wagon, and Ambulance Surgeon Ingalls was called. He took the queer patient to the Kings county hospital where he was placed under observation. There he seemed unable to give any coherent account of his movements and identity. Although well dressed, and looking as though he might occupy some important position, he seemed to think that he was a mechanic. He said that his name was "Tom" and that he lived in Philadelphia.

The man's clothing consisted of a black diagonal suit black overcoat of some heavy material, patent leather shoes and a derby hat.

ASTORIA COUPLE MARRIED

Miss Lila Southerland and Mr. Paul Badollet Wedding.

Last night's Portland Telegram had the following account of the wedding of Mr. Paul Badollet and Miss Lila Sutherland, which took place in Portland last Wednesday:

"A beautiful wedding took place Wednesday evening, February 17, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutherland, 251 West Park street, when their daughter, Miss Lila Isabel Sutherland, was united in marriage to Paul J. Badollet, of Astoria. The marriage was solemnized in the presence of relatives and intimate friends, by Rev. W. S. Gilbert, of Calvary Presbyterian church. The parlors were exquisitely decorated with Oregon grape and ferns. The bride was very winsome in a dainty gown of white crepe de chine, with veil. She carried carnations. Miss Sadie Jackson, her cousin, was maid of honor. She appeared in a becoming costume of white crepe, with blue trimmings, and carried carnations. Alice Wrinkle, niece of the bride, and Genevieve Howell, niece of the groom, were the other attendants. J. Johnson, of Astoria, was best man. After the wedding, which took place at 7:30 o'clock, a reception was held, which was largely attended. Delicious refreshments were served in the dining room, which was ornamented in pink and green. From the chandelier to the corners of the table were stretched garlands of smilax, while carnations were also used with charming effect. The candelabra held pink candles. Miss Marsh and Miss Tull presided, assisted by the Misses Nowlan of Astoria; Miss Lewis, Miss Ruth Bradford, Miss Long and Miss Eva Long. Miss Lottie Bennett served fruit punch upstairs, where the numerous costly gifts were displayed. Mr. and Mrs. Badollet are deservedly popular, and a host of friends have extended congratulations. The couple will reside in Astoria."

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